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Proposed Fix for Waukesha West Entrance

Waukesha, WIS. – Waukesha County, City of Waukesha and Waukesha School District officials are exploring options to improve safety at the Waukesha West High School entrance on Saylesville Road by the start of the school this Fall.

After a recent tragic traffic accident involving a student at the school, numerous area residents have voiced their concerns about the number of inexperienced drivers that are forced to make a left turn into the school entrance.

"I would like to sincerely thank Mayor Nelson, Alderman Lichtie, Supervisor Mitchell, School Board Member O'Bryan and Sheriff Trawicki for working with my administration to discuss solutions that will address the problems at this intersection," stated County Executive Dan Vrakas. "I commend them for their willingness to come together so quickly to deal with this concern."

Mayor Nelson said, "The City recognizes the need to improve traffic safety near Waukesha West High School, and I'm glad to see that the County and the School District want to work with us to implement a solution that will have a positive impact on our residents now and in the future. It's a great example of inter-governmental cooperation."

The Common Council and School Board will discuss temporary traffic safety enhancements sometime over the next several weeks, which could involve signage changes at the school's entrance or the installation of a temporary traffic signal. Vrakas has committed to a more permanent modification when future development occurs in the area.

"Motorist safety is a critical issue near the Waukesha West High School entrance. I am hopeful that our agencies can work together to address the immediate need while the County continues to plan for a permanent solution," stated Waukesha School District Superintendent Dave Schmidt.

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